



Informational Notes for EMDs and Local Officials

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Congratulations to Kenneth Kunze and Ed Wildberger

Two former Emergency Management Directors were elected to office following the November 5th General Elections. Former Moniteau County Emergency Management Director Kenneth Kunze was elected Moniteau County Presiding Commissioner. Former City of St. Joseph Emergency Management Director Ed Wildberger was elected State Representative for District 27 (St. Joseph/Buchanan County). Congratulations!

Call for Names of Newly Elected Presiding Commissioners, Clerks

Following the November 5 elections, many counties have new county presiding commissioners, and new county clerks. To date SEMA has the names of at least 26 names of new presiding commissioners. Please contact your SEMA area coordinator with the names, mailing addresses and email addresses of any new county elected officials. The new presiding commissioners will be invited to a future Department of Justice Senior Officials class for Weapons of Mass Destruction. Thank you.

Bush Lauds Mosier for Sedalia's Citizen Corps Work

Sedalia-Pettis County Emergency Management Agency Director Tim Mosier met and welcomed President Bush to the Missouri during a pre-election campaign blitz in St. Louis. Tim was selected to meet Bush because of his grass roots Citizen Corps initiative in Sedalia/Pettis County for "answering the call to service." Mosier, a retired policeman and Guardsman, was deputy director of the Sedalia/Pettis EMA for 15 years before becoming director three years ago. His grassroots program trains retired citizens to monitor critical asset facilities in the county and conduct other emergency management volunteer work.

After the meeting, Mosier said President Bush told him he had heard about the Pettis County Citizens Corps. "He said he wished we could get more programs like this going in Missouri, and he asked if I would help spread the word," Mosier said.

SEMA, RPCs Set 19 Mitigation Planning Meetings

Elected officials and Emergency Management Directors will receive a letter from SEMA inviting them to attend a hazard mitigation planning meeting with their Regional Planning Commission (RPC). The planning meeting will discuss hazard mitigation planning criteria and federal deadlines. The meetings are:

- Nov. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Mid-America RPC, 600 Broadway #300 Rivergate Center, Kansas City for Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte and Ray Counties.
- Nov. 13 at 9 a.m. at the South East Missouri RPC, 1 West St. Joseph St., Perryville for Cape Girardeau, Madison, Perry and St. Francois Counties.
- Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. at the Bootheel RPC, RPC Bldg, 164 Mitchell St., Malden for Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Scott Counties.
- Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., Mid-Missouri RPC, (South Boone Co. Senior Center) 406 Douglas, Ashland for Boone, Cole and Howard Counties.
- Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Boonslick RPC, 122 East Booneslick Rd, Warrenton for Lincoln, Montgomery and Warren Counties.
- Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. for the Mark Twain RPC and the North East Missouri RPC, at the County Commissioner Courtroom in Palmyra for Marion, Pike, Ralls, Clark and Lewis Counties.
- Nov. 21 at 2 p.m., Ozark Foothills RPC, 3019 Fair Street in Poplar Bluff for Butler and Ripley Counties.

- Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. for the Lake of the Ozarks RPC, 115 West Highway 54, Camdenton for Miller, Morgan and Pulaski Counties.
- Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. for the Meramec RPC, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James for Gasconade, Osage and Phelps Counties.
- Dec. 4 at 9 a.m. for the South Central Ozark RPC in Pomona for Howell and Texas Counties.
- Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. for the South West Missouri RPC, Lower Level of the Empire Bank, Highway 160 & 14 in Nixa for Christian, Stone and Taney Counties.
- Dec. 9 at 9 a.m. for the Pioneer Trails RPC in Warrensburg for Johnson County.
- Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. for the Green Hills RPC in Trenton for Carroll and Chariton Counties.
- Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. for the North West Missouri RPC in Maryville for Atchison and Gentry Counties.
- Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., for the Mo-Kan RPC in St. Joseph for Andrew and Buchanan Counties.
- Dec. 11 at 1 p.m. for the Harry S. Truman RPC in Joplin for Jasper and Newton Counties.
- Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. for the Kaysinger Basin RPC in Clinton for Bates, Benton and Vernon Counties.
- January TBS for the East-West Gateway RPC in St. Louis for Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis and City of St. Louis.

SEMO University EQ Center Closes, Winkler Relocates Offices

The Center for Earthquake Studies at the Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau closed October 31. SEMA Area Coordinator Mark Winkler has relocated to a state office building located at 3102 Blattner Drive, Cape Girardeau. Until telephone services can be installed in the new office, Winkler can be reached on his cellular phone (573) 517-3884 or his pager (573) 556-4541.

SEMA will continue to support the earthquake public information and outreach program in Southeast Missouri. Winkler will be meeting with Earthquake Program Manager, Randy Scrivner, and Disaster Assistance and Mitigation Branch Chief, Chuck May, to consolidate a plan on the education and outreach. More information will be included in future EMD bulletins.

Missouri State Interoperability Executive Committee Information Posted on WEB

The Missouri State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) information and draft MOUs for agencies to operate FCC designated VHF/UHF multi-discipline interoperability channels in accordance with Missouri's SIEC guidelines has been posted to the SEMA Homepage.

Highlights of the document include: an application, Conditions and Priority levels for use, list of authorized frequencies, and FCC Designated Public Safety Interoperability Channels Below 512 MHz information. The document is in PDF format and can be downloaded. You can find the document at www.sema.state.mo.us then go the blue sidebar and click on the publications list. The document is entitled MO SIEC VHF-UHF Sept 2002.

Harvard Executive Session on Domestic Preparedness Releases Recommendations for State and Local Planning

The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University recently issued their Executive Session project's Recommendations for State and Local Domestic Preparedness Planning a Year After 9-11. State and local participants in the session authored the report. The Office of Domestic Preparedness funded the advisory group initiative. Several NEMA state directors participated in the Harvard Executive Session including Ellen Gordon (IA), Peter LaPorte (DC), Gary McConnell (GA) and former director Stan McKinney. The report addresses such issues as the importance of a bottom-up approach to preparedness, mutual aid, incident command system, utilizing law enforcement, mental health, regional planning, use of the military, educating the media and more. A copy of the report can be found online at

[http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/BCSIA/Library.nsf/1f2b66b14ec00f24852564ec006b733e/53112e4257f23d6b85256c24006f81f3/\\$FILE/Beyond%20the%20Beltway_Final.pdf](http://ksgnotes1.harvard.edu/BCSIA/Library.nsf/1f2b66b14ec00f24852564ec006b733e/53112e4257f23d6b85256c24006f81f3/$FILE/Beyond%20the%20Beltway_Final.pdf)

Homeland Security Stresses Importance of Volunteerism

"Many Americans have asked what they can do to help fight the war against terror. Volunteer programs across the country provide excellent ways to get involved," said Tom Ridge, White House Director of Homeland

Security. “The homeland will be secure when our hometowns are secure. The President’s new National Strategy for Homeland Security makes it clear that the work of keeping our homeland secure does not rest solely with government. Citizens can and must play an active role in protecting their communities.”

“Every American can help make our communities more secure by helping a neighbor, serving at a hospital, or volunteering at a police station,” said John Bridgeland, assistant to the President and director of USA Freedom Corps. “President Bush has called on all Americans to dedicate at least 4,000 hours to service over the course of their lives, and these organizations will help more Americans to achieve the goal.”

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides opportunities for Americans of all ages and backgrounds to serve their communities and country through three main programs: [Senior Corps](#), [AmeriCorps](#), and [Learn and Serve America](#). The Corporation engages more than 2 million Americans each year in meeting critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and other areas. In Missouri, the Missouri Community Service Commission – a part of State Government – is a key partner of the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Commission web site is: <http://www.movolunteers.org> The Corporation is part of USA Freedom Corps, a White House effort to encourage all Americans to dedicate at least two years over the course of their lives to serving others, and to assist them in finding volunteer and service opportunities. Part of the U.S.A. Freedom Corps is the Citizen Corps effort. Citizen Corps has a focus on homeland security and emergency management. For more information, visit www.nationalservice.org. Or click on the Citizens Corps button on SEMA’s homepage on the Internet.

Missouri Citizen Corps Council Update

Statewide Volunteer Coordinator Dante Gliniecki is working with officials in several jurisdictions to form a Citizen Corps Council. Although major population centers such as the Kansas City area, St. Louis area, Springfield and Columbia are currently targeted for initial development, other communities in Missouri have already formed Citizen Councils. Several good Citizen Councils exist now and these will be given consideration as well – some may actually serve as models for other communities.

Homeland Security Issues for Missouri’s Hospitals

By Tim Daniel

Missouri Homeland Security Director

As you have probably heard there have been vague and perhaps not credible threats against American hospitals in San Francisco, Houston, Chicago and Wash DC. I have not yet received any guidance from the FBI relative to these threats.

Hospitals are critical infrastructure and therefore potential objects of terrorism. Every hospital must have a security plan. Hospitals need to have established “Protective Measures” within the Homeland Security Advisory System of warnings and threat conditions. When the federal government raises the threat level, say from yellow to orange, they are asking us to initiate a review of our security posture and engage in a decision process regarding additional security measures that may be adopted in light of the nature of the warnings. This could range of not increasing security to rather draconian measures.

Hospitals within Missouri should be advised to review their security plans, to coordinate with local law enforcement, and ensure that each hospital has an appropriate system for increasing security in accordance with the Homeland Security Advisory System. Of course, any threats to hospitals should be reported to local law enforcement.

Greater Kansas City Project Community Alert

As part of Project Community Alert in the Greater Kansas City area, television and radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for NOAA Weather Radios will feature Richard Sturban of the Oakridge Boys. Sturban is a national spokesman for the NOAA.

VHS copies of the TV spots and copies of the radio spots may be used by municipalities and organizations in the Greater Kansas City area. These spots can be aired on each city’s Public Access channel – they come in 30 sec, 15 sec, and 10 sec segments. They can also be used during public education segments for promoting the Tone Alert radios or as material for local websites with video/sound capability. For more information contact Marni J. McCulloch, Assistant Director, Johnson County Emergency Management, Olathe, KS.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Progressing

On November 14, the House of Representatives passed legislation establishing a new Department of Homeland Security. The Senate poised to pass the homeland security bill in coming days. The Bush administration wants the new agency in place in late January. The reorganization, the largest in government since the creation of the Defense Department in 1947, is intended to fashion a single agency that would protect America – along with its seaports, nuclear plants, energy pipelines and other infrastructure – by using intelligence information.

The new agency will be composed of the Coast Guard, the Customs Service, the Secret Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Border Patrol, FEMA and the Transportation Security Administration. The new agency also would train police officers, firefighters and health workers to respond to terrorist attacks and develop new technologies to detect terrorist threats.

Administration officials said Bush was likely to name a secretary for the new Cabinet-level department within weeks after the bill is signed, so the nominee can be confirmed by the Senate and on the job at the moment of the agency's birth. Possible candidates include Tom Ridge, head of the interim Homeland Security Office, Joe M. Allbaugh, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and retired Adm. James M. Loy, director of the Transportation Security Administration and a former Coast Guard commandant.

Missouri DOJ Grants Update

SEMA has been coordinating three Department of Justice Terrorism Equipment Grants. SEMA Operations Branch Chief, Jim Wakeman updated the status of those grants. As of November 15, 2002:

- The 1999 DOJ equipment grant is 100% obligated
- The 2000-2001 DOJ equipment grant is approximately 90% obligated
- The 2002 DOJ equipment grant participating jurisdictions are submitting requisitions.
- Nine trailer mounted decontamination units have been delivered to jurisdictions, with five more decontamination units will be delivered before the end of this year. These units have a 1200 person per hour capacity for decontamination.
- The Robot for the Highway Patrols Bomb Squad has been ordered
- The X-ray unit for the Division of Fire Safety has been ordered
- We are in the process of ordering 3 smaller decontamination units specifically designed to be used at airports and hospitals. These units will go to designated support teams in the state.
- We are in the process of ordering new protective masks for the Missouri Highway Patrol.

23 Missouri Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants

Twenty-three Missouri fire departments will receive grant awards from FEMA for Fire Operations and Firefighter safety. The departments are: Fenton FPD (\$52,920); Antonia FPD (\$129,654); Lake Forest Estates Vol. FD (\$62,316); Cedar Hill FPD (\$180,720); Knob Noster FD (\$107,937); Osage Beach FPD (\$124,319); Eldon FD (\$258,768); Grant Twp. FPD (\$33,463); Lamonte Vol. FD (\$41,817); Clarksdale FPD (\$43,353); Gladstone DPS (\$233,037); Fort Osage FPD (\$142,335); Ozark City FD (\$105,932); Eastern Douglas County Vol. FD (\$43,254); Timber Knob Vol. FD (\$3,660); Mountain View FD (\$63,087); Raymondville Vol. FD (\$ 51,732); Wardell Rural FD (\$64,455); Northern Wright County Vol. FD (\$72,001); Bragg City Vol. FD (\$46,549); Sullivan FPD (\$118,044); City of Moberly FD (\$46,980); and Monroe City FD (\$18,000).